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1. IN EARLY APRIL 1973 PRESIDENT SALVADOR A L L E N D E TOLD
A NUMBER OF LEADERS OF THE POPULAR UNITY (UP) GOVERNMENT THAT
HE IS WORRIED ABOUT THE CLIMATE OF TENSION WHICH HE CLAIMS IS
BUILDING IN THE COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS GATHERING

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DATA IN ORDER TO **DETERMINE** WHETHER THE GROUP WHICH PLANNED THE

OCTOBER **1972** GENERAL STRIKE IS INVOLVED IN PREPARATIONS AT THE
PRESENT **TIME** FOR **SIMILAR ACTION** ALONG THESE LINES, **[REDACTED]**
COMMENT: ALLENDE HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE REFERENCE TO WHAT YE CALLS
A "BRAIN TRUST" WHICH IS PLOTTING MOVES AGAINST HIS GOVERNMENT.
THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES IT WAS THIS "BRAIN TRUST" WHICH PLANNED
THE OCTOBER STRIKE, **[REDACTED]** **COMMENT: ON 11 APRIL "LA TERCERA,"**
INDEPENDENT DAILY **NEWSPAPER,** CARRIED A STATEMENT BY **ANIBAL**
P A L M A, SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT, RELATING TO AN
ALLEGED VAST PLAN BY RIGHTIST EXTREMISTS TO CREATE AN
ATMOSPHERE OF TENSION AND UNREST IN CHILE. **PALMA,** WHO SAID HE
HAS **SPEAKING ON THE** EXPRESS ORDERS OF PRESIDENT **ALLENDE,** ADDED
THAT THE **RIGHTISTS** INTEND TO SEIZE INDUSTRIES AND BLOCK
HIGHWAYS TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR OBJECTIVES, HE ALSO STATED THAT
EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO MANIPULATE CERTAIN SECTORS OF SLUM
DWELLERS TO SUPPORT THESE PLANS;)

2. ACCORDING TO **ALLENDE,** THE GROUP WHICH PLANNED THE OCTOBER
STRIKE IS NOW TRYING TO CREATE TENSION IN THE COUNTRY AND TO
PROMOTE FRICTION BETWEEN THE U.P. AND THE CHURCH, THE U.P. AND

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CHILEAN EDUCATORS, AND THE U.P., AND THE ARMED FORCES, ALLENDE
ADDED THAT THE GROUP IS CURRENTLY USING THE UNIFIED EDUCATION

SYSTEM (ENU), WHICH HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND
WHICH IS BEING OPPOSED BY THE FOREGOING THREE SECTORS, TO
ACCOMPLISH THEIR OBJECTIVES,

3. TO COUNTERACT POSSIBLE FRICTION BETWEEN THE U.P. AND THE
CHURCH AND ARMED FORCES OVER THE ENU ISSUE, THE PRESIDENT SAID
HE HAD TALKED WITH RAUL CARDINAL SILVA AND THE COMMANDERS
OF THE ARMED FORCES TO EXPLAIN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT PUSH
THROUGH THE PROPOSED SYSTEM UNTIL BOTH SECTORS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY
TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL CLOSELY AND EITHER APPROVED THE PLANS FOR
ENU OR OFFERED SUGGESTIONS FOR MODIFICATION, ALLENDE ADDED THAT
IN HIS 5 APRIL MEETING WITH THE SERVICE CHIEFS. THE MILITARY
HAD REQUESTED THAT ENU NOT BE PUT INTO EFFECT WITHOUT ARMED
FORCES APPROVAL, THE MILITARY CHIEFS ALSO TOLD THE PRESIDENT
THAT THE SERVICE SCHOOLS WERE OPPOSED TO THE ENU CONCEPT.

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COMMENT: "EL MERCURIO" OF 11 APRIL REPORTED THAT EDUCA-
TION MINISTER JORGE TAPIA WAS TO MEET DURING THE MORNING
OF 11 APRIL WITH THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE ARMY AND THE DIRECTORS

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OF ALL SERVICE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON WHAT THE ENU
ENTAILS, [REDACTED]

4. THE PRESIDENT ALSO INDICATED THAT HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WITH THE JUDICIARY. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE
SAID THAT HE THINKS THE GOVERNMENT WILL LOSE ITS CASE IN
CONCEPCION IN RELATION TO THE PROBLEM WITH T.V. CHANNEL FIVE,
AND THAT THE SUPREME COURT COULD VERY WELL UPHOLD THE MILITARY
COURT DECISION TO REDUCE THE SENTENCE OF FORMER GENERAL ROBERTO
VIAUX, WHICH WOULD SIGNIFY THAT VIAUX WOULD BE RELEASED
FROM PRISON, [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE CHANNEL FIVE CONTROVERSY
INVOLVES THE ATTEMPT BY CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY TO EXTEND ITS
PROGRAMING TO THE CONCEPCION AREA, A MOVE WHICH HAS BEEN STRONGLY
OPPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT. "EL SIGLO," OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF
THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH), OF 11 APRIL REPORTED THAT
THE SUPREME COURT WOULD INITIATE DELIBERATIONS TO REVIEW THE
MILITARY COURT RULING IN THE VIAUX CASE ON 11 APRIL, VIAUX
WAS ARRESTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF GENERAL
RENE SCHNEIDER, ARMY COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN OCTOBER

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1978. VIAUX'S SENTENCE HAS RECENTLY REDUCED TO TWO YEARS BY
A MILITARY COURT.)

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